

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 66
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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Fred Williams, Jr. of
Memphis.

WHEREAS, it was with great sadness and a profound sense of loss that the members of this General Assembly and the citizens of our state learned of the death of Fred Williams, Jr. of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Fred Williams, Jr. was a distinguished citizen of the state of Tennessee, who was very dedicated to his profession, community and family; and

WHEREAS, born in Birmingham, Alabama, Fred Williams, Jr. received his diploma from A.H. Parker High School and later received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Elementary Education from Stillman College; and

WHEREAS, Fred Williams, Jr. later received his Master's Degree in Elementary Supervision and Administration from the University of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, during his exemplary tenure with the Memphis City Schools, Fred Williams, Jr. served with excellence and commitment for twenty-five years as a cherished member of the Sharpe School faculty; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams was an active and devout member of the Greater Middle Baptist Church, where he served on the Chancel Choir and as a Trustee; and

WHEREAS, Fred Williams, Jr. was an active and vital part of the community and his profession, participating in numerous professional affiliations, including service as Vice President of the Memphis Education Association; he also served as the Memphis Education Association Representative for Sharpe Accelerated School; and

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WHEREAS, he also served on the Tennessee Education Association Board of Directors, and as Chairperson of Internal Organization Needs, Vice Chairperson for Governance Task Force and as Liaison for Minority Affairs; and

WHEREAS, demonstrating his exemplary leadership capabilities, Fred Williams, Jr. served as a Representative to the National Education Association and held an important position on the National Education Association's Resolution Committee; and

WHEREAS, the legacy Fred Williams, Jr. leaves behind will be remembered and treasured by friends and associates for many years to come; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Williams enjoyed the loving companionship of his sisters, Patricia Coleman and Jacqueline Abrams; a brother, Robert Williams; and nieces and nephews, Sheila A. Baker, Robin W. Hill, Charlie Abrams, Jr., Robert Williams, Jr., Shawn Williams, Marcus Abrams and Stephanie Cook; and

WHEREAS, it is appropriate that this legislative body pause in its deliberations to remember the exemplary life of this fine Tennessean; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor the memory of Fred Williams, Jr., remembering with admiration his exemplary character and his many selfless contributions to the community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That we express our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Fred Williams, Jr.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.